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THOMPSON LETS MAYOR TELL FULL STORY; PRIESTS ACCUSED TO BE CALLED TO COURT

HOW WAITE POISONED PECK IS TOLD BY WIFE OF SLAYER; "K. ADAMS" ALSO TESTIFIES

Poisoner Helped Prepare Dinner That Made Her Father Ill, Mrs. Waite Says.

"K. ADAMS" IS A GIRL.

Miss Hardwicke Testifies She Sent Mysterious Telegram That Disclosed Murders.

Mrs. Clara Peck Waite, wife of Arthur W. Waite, confessed slayer by poison of her mother and father, took the witness stand to testify against him to-day. She followed immediately by Miss Elizabeth E. Hardwicke, the youthful niece of Dr. Jacob Cornell of Somerville, N. J., disclosed as the sender of the "K. Adams" telegram which brought on the investigation which disclosed the murders.

Mrs. Waite was dressed in lustrous black silk. She wore a broad-brimmed black straw hat, from which hung a filmy veil. Her face was aglow with healthy color, above a high feather collar. Mrs. Waite's testimony described the last ten days of her father's life, his perfect health at the beginning and his frequent attacks of illness.

She said she was planning to take her father to Hot Springs; Dr. Waite was not to go. Mrs. Waite prepared dinner for her father and Waite Thursday night, March 9, the hired girl's night out. She had provided oysters, pea soup and beefsteak.

Q. Who put the oysters on the table? A. Dr. Waite.

Q. Had he been about the kitchen?

A. Yes.

Q. Your father was fond of oysters?

A. Yes. I do not eat them myself.

Q. Did Waite have oysters at that time? A. I thought so.

Q. What happened after dinner?

A. Dr. Waite went out. My father had some pain.

Friday afternoon late Mrs. Waite came home to learn from the maid her father had been very ill. She described his increasing illness during the night.

She gave her father soda and hot water. Waite announced he would stay home all day Saturday.

MRS. WAITE TELLS OF HER FATHER'S DEATH.

Q. When did you leave your father Saturday night? A. I left him at 10.30 o'clock and went to bed.

Q. Where was Waite when you last saw him before you fell asleep? A. He was in my room; he said he thought I had been up a lot and ought to get a good night's rest, so he would sleep on the lounge in the living room.

Q. Do you recall waking? A. Yes; Dr. Waite came in and woke me.

Q. What did he say? A. He said my father had a very hard night. He said I better go to see him. I said: "Will he know me?" He answered: "You better go in and see. He looks very peaceful." I said I didn't want to go in if he wasn't going to know me. Then I said: "Is he gone?" and Dr. Waite said, very gently, "Yes, he is gone!"

Mrs. Waite said Dr. Moore called in the morning and Waite and Dr. Moore sat on the edge of the bed, and Waite urged the immediate cremation of Mr. Peck's body.

Waite's easy interest ceased abruptly with his wife's appearance on the stand.

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HIRED TO BLOW UP A CUNARD LINER, WOMAN DECLARES

Tells Assistant District Attorney Infernal Machine Was to Be Put on Board.

A woman whose name has not yet been revealed called on Assistant District Attorney John M. Battle at the Criminal Courts Building to-day and asserted that she had been employed in a plot to place an infernal machine aboard a Cunard liner leaving this port next Saturday. She gave the names of persons implicated in the plot, including the son of a prominent New Yorker, and Mr. Battle immediately sent out detectives to investigate and make arrests.

The woman recently had some trouble in the criminal courts and Mr. Battle aided her. It was this that caused her to call on him to-day with her story.

A man whose name she gave approached her a short time ago, she said, with a proposition to put an infernal machine aboard an English steamship. The woman is a German. The man said she explained that so closely were the English ships guarded by their pilots that it was impossible to get a bomb aboard in any sort of a package unless some novel scheme could be tried.

He told her, at he and his associates had figured out that the only way they could get a bomb on a Cunard was to use women and a baby. The women were to take the baby aboard the ship and also a package containing baby clothing. In this package was to be concealed the bomb.

"It was planned," the woman told Mr. Battle, "that I was to carry the baby and with me was to be another woman posing as a nurse. We were to have an infernal machine hidden among the baby's effects. We were to board the ship a short time before the sailing hour and go to a stateroom reserved for us."

"I was to conceal the bomb in or near this stateroom. Then we were to return to the pier, carrying the baby, ostensibly to look after our baggage. Under the direction of a man who was to meet us on the pier we were to get away as soon as possible and go into hiding. The infernal machine, according to the plan, was to explode within a short time—at least before any search might be caused by the discovery that a woman, baby and nurse who had engaged passage and visited their stateroom were not on board."

Mr. Battle's informant claimed to be well posted about the inside working of a group of plotters who have been mixed up with some of the offenses charged against German sympathizers who have been convicted and sent to prison. She declared that a man who was wanted by the United States authorities as a witness against Lieut. Fay, who started for Atlanta yesterday to serve his term, was lured to Chicago and murdered in advance of the Fay trial.

For her services in placing the bomb, the woman said, she was to have received \$250. She gave the ad-

MRS. ARTHUR W. WAITE, WIFE OF POISONER, WHO TESTIFIED AGAINST HIM



dress of the man who she said was to have paid the money. One of the chief figures in the plot, she said, is a drug fiend whose family is one of the best known in New York.

The Cunard liner Albatross, for Liverpool and London, is to leave this port next Saturday. On the same date the Anchor liner Cameronia, in the Cunard service, will leave for Liverpool. Mr. Battle did not make public the name of the ship the woman was employed to blow up.

\$360,934,293 NAVY BILL PRESENTED TO HOUSE

Appropriation Measure Provides for Increase of \$91,787,287 Over That of Last Year.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—A million-dollar-a-day navy bill was reported to the House by the Naval Affairs Committee to-day.

While the bill carries by specific appropriation \$241,449,151.99, projects provided for oblige the Treasury to an additional \$119,485,142, a total of \$360,934,293.99 for the fiscal year.

The specific appropriations give an increase of \$91,787,287.11 over that of last year.

Additional obligations upon the Treasury for which appropriations are named in the bill are: Projective plants, \$705,611. Philadelphia dry docks, \$3,000,000. Dry dock, Norfolk, Va., \$3,000,000. Armor plate plant, \$11,000,000. Increase in ships, \$100,848,000.

While ostensibly upholding the authority of the Secretary of the Navy, the committee virtually granted the contentions of Admiral Fiske by granting to the Chief of Operations authority to issue orders, such orders to be considered as emanating from the Secretary and to have full force and effect as such.

The present navy, the report declares, "is as good as any."

FOUR SHIPS ARE SUNK BY AUSTRIAN U-BOATS

Russian, Greek and Italian Vessels Sent to Bottom—Crews Saved.

BARCELONA, Spain (via Paris), May 24.—The Russian bark Regina has been sunk by a submarine. Her captain and crew have arrived here. The captain states that near Barcelona he met two lifeboats containing the crews of two Italian sailing vessels, both of which were sunk by the same Austrian submarine.

VON BUELOW ON WAY TO U.S. ON MISSION FOR THE KAISER, SAYS A CABLE FROM LONDON

One Story Is That the German Prince Will Take Von Bernstorff's Place.

MAY TALK ABOUT PEACE.

Former Chancellor Has Been Mentioned in Connection With Peace Parleys.

LONDON, May 24.—The Exchange Telegraph Company says it learns from diplomatic circles that Prince von Buelow, former German Chancellor, is proceeding to Washington, charged by Emperor William with a special mission. One story is that he is to take the place of Count von Bernstorff as Ambassador. A rearrangement of the German diplomatic corps is to be effected, the Exchange stated.

It has been rumored several times that Ambassador Bernstorff might be called home to an important post. Diplomats here said that if the report is true, the sending of von Buelow to Washington is another indication of Germany's plans to move for an early peace.

Von Buelow's name has been frequently connected with peace moves, especially during his long stay in Switzerland.

Prince von Buelow was sent to Rome as Ambassador and assigned the task of preventing Italy from joining the Allies. When Italy declared war on Austria a year ago he was recalled to Berlin, but shortly afterward went to Switzerland.

Swiss reports said that von Buelow, at the Kaiser's request, had purposefully held aloof from active participation in governmental affairs in order that he might better serve Germany in peace negotiations. A man of great personal charm, he has always been considered one of the best diplomats in Europe. So far as is known Prince von Buelow has made but one address on the subject of peace since the war began. Speaking at Hamburg more than a year ago he declared that Germany would make a conqueror's peace.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—German Embassy officials to-day refused to discuss the report regarding a diplomatic change that would replace Count von Bernstorff here with Prince von Buelow. Officials merely stated "they had heard nothing of such a report."

State Department officials also claimed ignorance of any such report. Privately they said they did not see just what reason Germany would have for making such a change.

Should Prince von Buelow come to Washington officials thought it likely his task would be somewhat similar to that assigned to Col. E. M. House by President Wilson on several occasions when the former had visited the belligerent capitals. In addition to securing first-hand information as to the American viewpoint on many matters involved in the war, the Emperor might desire, it was said, to adjust through a personal representative relations with the Washington Government severely strained by the submarine controversy.

It was suggested that Prince von Buelow might also seek direct information as to the Administration's views upon American neutrality, activity of Germans in conspiracies in this country and the sale of munitions to the Allies.

Cornelius Vanderbilt in Bronx. Cornelius Vanderbilt and Alderman Kern will address the Bronx Board of Trade in their rooms at One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Street and Third Avenue to-night on the Home Defense League.

GAINS BY GERMANS AT TWO POINTS ON THE VERDUN FRONT

Take Trenches East of Douaumont. But French Keep Hold on Fort.

PARIS, May 24.—German troops have penetrated Cumieres village, nine miles northwest of Verdun, after terrific onslaughts against the French front west of the Meuse, the War Office admitted to-day.

The Germans also succeeded in taking a trench west of Cumieres and in gaining a foothold in a few elements of trenches east of Fort Douaumont.

At all other points most violent German attacks on both banks of the Meuse and also in the Champagne region have been repulsed.

In making public the official report on last night's fighting the War Office announced that since Sunday night the Germans have been attacking the northwestern front of Verdun with more than three divisions—60,000 men.

It is reported that at least ten thousand men have been slain in the last two days on the Verdun front. Following is the text of the War Office report:

"In the Champagne district the Germans, by the use of gas, endeavored to occupy our lines at a point to the west of the Navarin farm. Our curtain of fire threw the enemy back to his trenches."

"On the left bank of the River Meuse the Germans undertook last night a powerful offensive action to the east of Dead Man Hill. After hand to hand fighting the enemy penetrated, at the close of important sacrifices, into the village of Cumieres as well as into one of our trenches immediately to the west of this point."

"Recent information sets forth that the forces employed by the enemy in the region of Dead Man Hill since the 21st of May exceed three divisions—60,000 men."

"On the right bank of the River Meuse there have been preparations on the part of the artillery and successive attacks of great violence. In the region of Haudremont and at Douaumont, in spite of ferocious assaults, the enemy has been successful in securing a footing in only a small part of a trench to the east of the fort. This has been accomplished without counting the cost in human lives. All endeavors against our positions to the west of the fort and upon the fort itself have been checked by our fire."

"In the Woëvre district there have been bombardments in the sectors of Flix and Moulinville."

The great advantage of the success obtained by the French east of the Meuse, in the Douaumont region, lies in the fact that this district is the highest in the vicinity and therefore permits permanent artillery observation which is far superior to that of aeroplanes or balloons. For the last three months the Germans have been able to measure accurately from Douaumont the ranges of the French positions at Thiaumont, Vaux and the Gaillette Wood. The French will now be able to hold the German positions under observation and it is expected here that the French ar-

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GERMAN DIPLOMAT WHO IS REPORTED ON THE WAY TO U. S.



VILLA LOCATED AGAIN; FAR TO SOUTH THIS TIME

Report From Chihuahua Says the Bandit Is 125 Miles From Jimenez.

CHIHUAHUA, Mex., via El Paso, May 24.—Villa is hiding at Hacienda Mimbrera, about 125 miles from Jimenez, curing his wounds, according to a report received by Gen. Ignacio Ramon at Jimenez and sent here.

Gen. Ramon says his information comes from reliable sources which state the bandit has small bands of followers in Lezaca and San Bernardino, near Mimbrera.

FRANCE IS SENDING MUNITIONS TO RUSSIA

Has All the Shells She Can Use, and Minister of Munitions Goes to Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, May 24.—That France, having all the shells she can use, is now helping Russia solve the ammunition problem, is the deduction made here because of the visit to Petrograd of Albert Thomas, French Minister of Munitions. Thomas came to Russia with Rene Viviani, former Prime Minister of France.

The Hudson Bay Company, it is reported, has put at the disposition of the allies about 160 vessels, averaging between 3,000 and 4,000 tons, to be used principally in the Archangel trade, victualing and munitioning Russia from the United States and Canada. No profit is to be made by the famous old company, the directors of which are now reported to be giving their entire time to the work.

WAY TO END THE WAR AS HINDENBURG SEES IT

Said to Have Told Troops They Can Win Peace by Crossing Dvina River.

LONDON, May 24.—An order of the day, said to have been issued recently by Field Marshal von Hindenburg to his men on the Russian front, is quoted as follows in a Central News despatch from Basel, Switzerland:

"For some time a rumor has been spreading among the troops that peace negotiations are about to begin and this fact, coupled with the instinct of self-preservation which is constantly growing, is having a bad effect on the morale of the men."

"In the name of the Emperor I declare that there cannot be any question of peace until we have crossed the Dvina. Soldiers! If you wish peace go and seek it on the other side of the Dvina."

FATHER FARRELL, HEBBERD, MGR. DUNN, POTTER TO BE HEARD BEFORE MAGISTRATE

Open Hearing Granted by Committee When It Was Evident Mr. Mitchell Would Make a Public Statement Regarding His Charges.

RESPONSIBILITY MAYOR'S, SAYS SENATOR THOMPSON

It was learned at the City Hall to-day that Magistrate Murphy in the Yorkville Police Court will be asked to-morrow for summonses for Robert W. Hebbard, former secretary of the State Board of Charities; Daniel C. Potter, Father William B. Farrell and Mgr. J. J. Dunn.

Application for the summonses will be made by William J. Doherty, Deputy Commissioner of Charities. Precise nature of the contemplated court action has not been disclosed, but it is in connection with the charges made yesterday by Mayor Mitchell in the wiretapping scandal.

Senator George F. Thompson made public official announcement at 3 P. M. to-day that he would let Mayor Mitchell testify in full and in public at 4.30 P. M. to-day about telephone conversations that were "tapped" by the police in the charities investigation case. These talks, between the Rev. Father Farrell and Dr. Potter, Mayor Mitchell declared on the witness stand last evening, had to do with a conspiracy in which Father Farrell and Dr. Potter were engaged "to obstruct and pervert the administration of law and the city government."

At that point Mayor Mitchell's testimony was shut off by the gavel of Chairman Thompson, who declared the telephone conversations were not properly part of the Joint Legislative Committee's investigation; and at that point Mayor Mitchell will resume his testimony at 4.30 P. M.

"Our committee," said Senator Thompson, "will hear Mayor Mitchell at 4.30 P. M. We still think that the question of what the conversations were over the tapped telephone wire is a question this committee should not try. We haven't changed our minds at all. We should not go into it, but we have been asked to go into it."

"We, however, cannot overlook the fact that the Mayor is the chief executive officer of this city. The committee have not changed their minds, that the conversations over the telephones were taken down by persons who did not know the parties or their voices, could not identify the parties, and that the questions raised by giving those conversations ought not to be raised before this committee."

"As we understand the facts, the persons taking those telephone conversations did not know the parties who were speaking and could not recognize their voices or identify them. These persons did not take correctly what was said on the wire. They took it only in a fragmentary way and in a longhand."

"However, the committee can't overlook the fact that the Mayor is the chief executive officer of this city. He not only officers, but insists upon running here, not with our advice, with this testimony not relevant to our inquiry. On account of his desire and on account of his position in the community as chief officer of the city, the committee will allow him to give the conversations as he has them. The committee will abide, however, by its original idea as to

CAN PROSECUTE BURNS ON EIGHT CHARGES

The disclosures in the testimony to-day before Chief Magistrate McAdoo, who is investigating the telephone wire tapping and the installation of a detestophone in the law offices of Seymour & Seymour in the Equitable Building, caused the statement to be made in the District Attorney's office this afternoon that William J. Burns, the detective, is susceptible of prosecution under the following sections of the penal law:

No. 404, for burglary in the third degree;
No. 405, for unlawful entry;
No. 552, for divulging the contents of a telephone message;
No. 553, for opening a letter, telegram or a private paper;
No. 1,423, for injuring a machine or other property;
No. 1,425, for injuring and destroying private property;
No. 1,433, for malicious mischief.

CAR RUNS DOWN CHILD; RIOT IN STREET FOLLOWS

Takes Ten Policemen Ten Minutes to Disperse Excited Neighbors—Little Hope for Boy.

It took ten policemen ten minutes to quell a riot which started in front of No. 217 Avenue B at 1.40 o'clock this afternoon when a northbound Avenue B car ran over and crushed two-and-a-half-year-old George Narzhetskyn of No. 210 Avenue B, who was playing in the street. According to bystanders, in the excitement one of the foreign born residents of the neighborhood tried to shoot the motorist of the car.

Patrolman Nathan Whitman got the child from under the tracks. Dr. Allen of Bellevue Hospital treated him for crushed legs and body, but held out little hope of saving his life. There were no arrests.

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